respective State Governments for remedial action.

UNDP Project for Safe Drinking Water in Rural Areas

3446. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an European Company is executing a UNDP's 1 lakh dollars project to develop a new deep well hand pump for improving the supply of safe drinking water in rural areas;

(b) if so, the agency which has been given the work of development and the details of the terms;

(c) the number of pumps to be installed during the next five years; and

(d) the time to be taken to cover rural areas in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Non-inclusion of Rural Sanitation in Basic Minimum Needs Programme

3447. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Sanitation Programmes are lagging behind the actual requirement of the people;

(b) whether any review thereof has been made;

(c) whether the Rural Sanitation Programme has not been included in the Basic Minimum Needs Programme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken for the effective implementation of Rural Sanitation Programme.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Chief Minister Conference held on Basic Minimum Services by July, 1996 had recommended that there should be effective convergence of sanitation hygiene and public health with drinking water sources and facilities.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The States have been provided with technological options for implementation of the programme. The progress of implementation is monitored by obtaining periodical monthly/quarterly reports and by visits by the officers and review meetings with the States.

Additional amounts to Andhra Pradesh under Employment Assurance Scheme

3448. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has asked the Central Government to provide Rs. 118.50 crores to complete all the pending works under the Employment Assurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the total allocation made during 1996-97;

(c) whether the pending works would have to be completed before taking up new works;

(d) whether the Central Government have allowed the State Government to utilise this amount to take up the remaining incomplete works; and

(e) if so, whether any additional amount would be given; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a)